

Requirements for Being Recognized as an Arizona Cardiac Receiving Center

In order to be recognized as a Cardiac Receiving Center, a hospital must have:

- 1) a Therapeutic Hypothermia (TH) method and associated protocol for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA)
- 2) primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) capability with protocol for OHCA including consultation with a Cardiology Interventionist for consideration of emergent PCI
- 3) a system, included in the protocol, for timely completion and submission of the one-page data form* for **EACH OHCA patient** (NOT just cooled patients) and the one-page data form* for **ALL EMS and ALL walk-in STEMI patients**
- 4) an evidence-based termination of resuscitation protocol (including a 72-hour moratorium on termination of care for patients receiving TH).

Sample wording: "Based on the Report of the Quality Standards Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology, neurological recovery cannot be predicted in the first 72 hours following hypothermic resuscitation. Therefore, cardiopulmonary support should be maintained until adequate assessment of the patient's neurological prognosis. Therefore, Do Not Resuscitate status should not be established and care should not be withdrawn based on neurologic prognosis before a minimum of 3-5 days after return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC)."

- 5) a protocol to address organ donation
- 6) CPR training for the community
- 7) 6 months of baseline Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest data using the Cardiac Arrest data form*

* Cardiac Arrest and STEMI data forms can be found on the SHARE website: <http://www.azshare.gov/Info4CAC.htm>.

Please send the following to the address below:

- 1) Letter of Intent (template: <http://www.azshare.gov/documents/Letter%20of%20intent.doc>)
- 2) Protocols
- 3) 6 months baseline data forms

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